Construction of By-pass on NHs in Kerala

1308. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans for granting funds for construction of by-pass on National Highways in the State of Kerala;

(b) if so, whether the approval of MOSRTH, Government has been made for Kollam by-pass; and

(c) what steps had been taken to sanction funds for Thalassemy by-pass and Calicut by-pass?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Kollam bypass, Thalassery - Mahe bypass and Calicut bypass are in various stages of progress through State PWD. Balance work for these bypasses will be taken up along with 4-laning of NH-17 and NH-47 under NHDP Phase III through NHAI which is targeted for completion by December, 2013.

Four laning of NH-17 and NH-47 in Kerala

1309. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans for the four laning of NH-47 and NH-17 in the State of Kerala;

(b) if so, whether Government has got a definite action plan for resettlement of evacuees;

(c) whether Government had taken into account the concerns of Kerala State with regard to resettlement of evacuees; and

(d) what steps had been taken towards four laning of NH-17 and NH-47?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH): (a) to (d) Entire length of NH-17 and NH-47 aggregating to 838 km is planned to be four laned in the State of Kerala, of which 78 km has already been four laned. Four laning of the balance length is targeted for completion by December, 2013. Land acquisition process for four laning of NH 17 and NH 47 under NHDP Phase III has started recently. The evictees will be paid compensation for land and structures as per NH Act 1956. Any issues raised by evacuees will be considered by the Competent Authority for land acquisition as per the National policy of Resettlement and Rehabilitation.

Upgradation of NH-17 from Patradevi to Polem in Goa

1310. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the implementation of upgradation of National Highway-17 from Patradevi to Polem in Goa;